

ABSTRACT

5 A first embodiment of a ticket generating apparatus includes a computer
coupled to a server through a network and a printer coupled to the computer. A
purchaser initiates a ticket purchase transaction through the network by
accessing a website stored on the server. After completing the ticket purchase
transaction the purchaser's computer sends image data corresponding to the
image of a person to the server. The server combines the image data with text
and graphics data generated by the server to form ticket data. The ticket data is
sent over the network to the computer. The computer sends the ticket data to
10 the printer to form the ticket including an image of the person. In a second
embodiment of the ticket generating apparatus, the printer is coupled to the
network and receives the ticket data directly from the server to form the ticket
including an image of the person. In a third embodiment of the ticket generating
apparatus, the ticket generating apparatus includes a network enabled printer
coupled to a network and a server coupled to the network. The text and graphics
data and the image data are combined by the server to form the ticket data and
15 sent to the printer for generating the ticket including an image of a person.